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or poems composed for the occasion by John G. Whittier, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Bayard Taylor and Sidney Lanier, and other notable features.

"Professor Campbell served as secretary of the commission from its first organization till its last meeting. In his final report, he said: 'Your secretary believes that the first suggestion that the centennial celebration ought to involve an international exhibition held at Philadelphia, was made in a letter written by him in 1866 to Mr. Morton McMichael, then mayor of Philadelphia. Subsequently, I again called Mayor McMichael's attention to the subject, and he conferred upon it with a number of influential citizens of Philadelphia, most of them members of the Franklin Institute. This led to the formation of a committee of citizens who invited Mr. Daniel I. Morrell, then a member of Congress from Pennsylvania, to join them in the consideration of measures to promote an international exhibition.' The action of Congress and the various State legislatures followed in due course.

"A silver medal awarded to Professor Campbell at the close of the exhibition was in recognition of the fact that he was the first person to suggest it, and also of his services as secretary from its inception till its close."

A GODFROY TRADITION.

A fugitive newspaper communication touching the sale of the Godfroy home near Peru, a number of years ago, presents a story which, presumably, was gleaned from Gabriel Godfroy, who to a notable degree treasured the traditions of his tribe and family:

"B. E. Wallace has purchased from Gabriel Godfroy, the last lineal descendant chief of the old Miami Indians, the ancestral farm of the chief, near Peru. The farm is 240 acres, lying between the forks of the Wabash and Mississinnewa rivers, and brought \$24,000. There is much interesting Indian history connected with this estate. In the rear of the Godfroy mansion lies an eminence, stately and noticeable for many miles around, on which the tribal meetings used to be held. During one of these meetings occurred the following:

"Chief Majenica was a conspicuous character among the Miamis, a prominent head man, arrogant, supercilious and severe, with a commanding influence and an imperious will. He had ever objected to the younger men of the tribe taking part in the deliberations, and was wont to cut them off abruptly and require them to be silent whenever they undertook to be heard. He had on many occasions been harsh and rude to the ambitious young bucks, and had offended Francis Godfroy, the father of Gabriel, on more occasions than the chivalrous buck could brook. Chafing under such treatment and brooding over it until the recollection became a torture, he resolved to submit to it no longer and to be heard at all hazards. He concealed his purpose from even his most trusted friends and prepared himself for the ordeal.

"While the deliberations of the council were in progress one day, he rose and dispassionately protested against the exclusion of the young men from having a voice in the debates, and was, of course, called to order and requested to take his seat. He declined and proceeded to discuss the injustice of the course pursued against them and to criticise the overbearing conduct of Chief Majenica. He was a young men of more than ordinary ability as an orator, and his remarks were listened to with respect and approval. He turned a deaf ear to Majenica's commands to be silent and continued until the Chief rose as if to enforce them physically.

"This was the opportunity sought for by Godfroy. He drew two knives concealed on his person, one in each hand, and imperiously tendered one to Majenica, which was taken, and demanded the other hand, which he clasped. Pointing with his knife to the sun, he exclaimed:

"'Look at yonder sun; it is the last time you shall ever behold its setting.'

"Majenica was a majestic Indian, over six feet high, and built on the gladiator architecture. Godfroy was of the same stature and equally as stalwart. The gesture, the voice, the eye, had an awful effect on the chief. He was no coward, but he trembled like an aspen, and the knife fell from his nerveless grasp. They separated, and Godfroy resumed his address. Before the meeting

closed Godfroy was chosen a war chief without a dissenting voice. Gabriel Godfroy's grandfather was a full-blooded Frenchman, and came of stock of which heroes are born. He was a descendant of Godfrey of Bouillon, chief leader of the first crusade, and distinguished for his martial exploits. He headed the French force sent out against the infidels for the recovery of the holy sepulchre, and took the city of Jerusalem. He was offered, by his army, the sovereignty of the city, but refused, saying he would never accept a crown of gold in a city where his Savior had worn a crown of thorns."

WILLIAM DAWSON, SHOEMAKER-ASTRONOMER.

Mrs. M. E. S. Charles writes in the Indianapolis News of February 13, 1901:

"At the age of twenty, William Dawson, of Spiceland, began keeping a record of the weather. In the beginning, he did not take the temperature daily, but a little later he did so, taking it three times a day—at 7 a. m., 2 p. m. and 9 p. m. This he kept up for a period of about thirty-five years.

"The dream of his early life was the possession of a telescope of four or five inches in diameter. But it was not till 1867 that he could spare the two or three hundred dollars, earned at his trade as a shoemaker, that was required to obtain the glasses and parts that he could not make.

"After a good deal of correspondence with different astronomers, he set to work. He was well aware that a good object glass was the main thing, and he sent to Boston for one four and a half inches in diameter. This cost \$185. In addition he ordered three eye-pieces, which cost \$5 each. In writing of this, he said: 'About the most gratifying occasion of my life was the arrival and sight of glasses for a six-foot achromatic telescope.'

"While the glasses were on the way he procured a zinc tube made larger at one end than the other, in which he placed his treasures upon their arrival, and although it was snowing, he soon had the satisfaction of testing the quality of the glasses and his workmanship upon surrounding objects, which he could see distinctly a mile or more away.